



To: New Jersey's Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education Family

From: Nancy J. Trivette, Program Leader, Agricultural Education; State FFA Advisor

Re: FFA Seeds of Hope Campaign

An estimated 120 high school FFA chapters, 5000 students and their families, and about 150 agriculture teachers and their families have experienced severe damage or total destruction to their homes, school facilities and supervised agricultural experience projects, as a result of Hurricane Katrina. On Friday, September 30, State FFA Vice-President Dan Delcher challenged New Jersey agriculture teachers and their chapters to raise money for "Seeds of Hope", a program of the National FFA Organization. Dan stated, **"If each of New Jersey's 1748 members contributed \$5 to this effort, New Jersey FFA could give over \$8500."** As State Advisor, I challenge all of the New Jersey Agricultural Education Family, FFA Alumni, FFA Foundation, Agricultural Education Advisory Council, and supporters in the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, to do the same.

Contributions can be made to the New Jersey FFA Foundation. The foundation will issue a check for presentation at the National FFA Convention on October 26 and contributors will be on the National FFA's "Seeds of Hope List of Heroes." Additional donations will be accepted through the end of the year.

New Jersey, this is your chance to make an impact. Please send your donations to:

**Michael Ianitelli, Treasurer
FFA Seeds of Hope
New Jersey FFA Foundation, Inc.
PO Box 237
Belvidere, NJ 07823**

Include "Seeds of Hope" in the memo line. Chapter donations must be received before **Thursday, October 20, 2005** for recognition at the National FFA Convention. We will accept other donations through December 15.

You can find out more about the National FFA Seeds of Hope program and other opportunities to assist programs impacted by hurricanes at <http://www.ffagive.org/>

